

V. OFFER TO SURRENDER THE ORIGINAL PATENT

Applicants offer to surrender the '124 patent and state that, upon receipt of a notice of allowability of any pending claim herein, Applicants will surrender the original '124 patent, provide a statement that the original patent has been lost, or provide notification of prior surrender of the '124 patent.

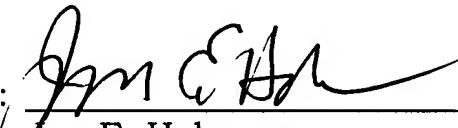
VI. CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons claims 38-43 are in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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